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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA RECEIVES
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY.

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS INFORMED
ME OF THE PLANNED MEETING OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FRONT
LINE STATES AND NATIONALIST LEADERS. HE HAS ALSO TOLD ME
THAT WHILE HE BELIEVES PROGRESS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT IN
NAMIBIA IS POSSIBLE, MORE TIME IS NEEDED TO PREPARE THE
GROUND FOR RHODESIA. I HAVE TAKEN CAREFUL NOTE OF THE
POINTS HE'S MADE AND APPRECIATE HIS REASONS. YOU HAVE
GIVEN ME SIMILAR ADVICE.

3. "YOU AND PRESIDENT NYERERE HAVE ASKED THAT NOTHING BE
UNDERTAKEN WITH RESPECT TO RHODESIA UNTIL THE CONDITIONS
FOR A SETTLEMENT ARE IMPROVED. I FULLY APPRECIATE YOUR

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NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TIME AND WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT I

WILL NOT UNDERTAKE ANY STEPS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT UNTIL I HAVE HAD AN OCCASION TO CONSULT WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES, THOUGH I WILL, OF COURSE, DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.

4. "THE MEETING WHICH PRESIDENT NYERERE HAS CALLED IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH FACE SOUTHERN AFRICA. IN LIGHT OF THIS MEETING AND THE OBJECTIVES WHICH YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE, IT APPEARS TO ME THAT IT IS PREMATURE FOR ME TO VISIT AFRICA UNTIL YOU ARE SATISFIED THAT ALL THE SUBJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION HAVE BEEN FULLY STUDIED AND THE WAY BEFORE US IS CLEAR. INITIALLY I SUGGESTED MEETING YOU ON SEPTEMBER 9. RATHER THAN MY JOINING YOU ON THAT DATE, I PROPOSE SENDING AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLELE TO LUSAKA, PROBABLY ON SEPTEMBER 8 OR 9. HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO REVIEW WITH YOU THE CONCLUSIONS OF MY DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. IT WOULD BE MY HOPE THAT YOU COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH THE RESULTS OF YOUR MEETINGS WITH THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS AND THE RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN NATIONALIST LEADERS. BASED ON WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED BY THAT DATE, AND ON AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLELE'S REPORT TO ME, I WOULD BE PREPARED TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES AND ARRIVE IN AFRICA ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. IF THIS SCHEDULE HOLDS I ARRIVE IN LUSAKA ON SEPTEMBER 13 OR AT ANY OTHER MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE PROVIDED THAT I AM ABLE TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES BY SEPTEMBER 25.

5. "WE ARE READY TO TREAT THE QUESTIONS OF NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE SEPARATELY. WE ARE PREPARED TO HELP IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO BOTH, BUT THERE IS NO POINT IN MY VISITING AFRICA UNLESS THERE IS A PROSPECT OF MOVEMENT ON EITHER NAMIBIA OR RHODESIA. THERE SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TIME BEFORE MY ADDRESS TO THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SEPTEMBER 27 TO MAKE THE PROGRESS WE BOTH BELIEVE IS POSSIBLE WITH NAMIBIA AND TO TAKE THOSE STEPS TOWARDS A SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN QUESTION WHICH ARE WARRANTED.

6. "I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR VIEWS AS SOON AS IT IS CONVENIENT. WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, HENRY A.
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